

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A media file distribution system comprising:
a media server comprising a media file database configured to store one or more media files, and a first wireless communication device; and
one or more satellite remote units, each remote unit comprising a second wireless communication device, wherein each of the remote units is configured to upload a media file to the media server, and wherein each of the remote units is configured to initiate the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the remote unit;
~~wherein the media server comprises a media file store configured to store one or more media files, and a first wireless communication device; and~~
~~wherein the one or more satellite units comprise a second wireless communication device and a first output device for playing the one or more media files stored on the media server.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a wireless mobile computing device comprising:
a processor;
a display; and
a memory, wherein the wireless mobile computing device is ~~arranged~~ configured to run management software that interfaces with the components of the media server, the one or more satellite remote units, and the wireless mobile computing device, wherein the management software on the wireless mobile computing device ~~initiates~~ is configured to initiate the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the remote unit, the one or more media files stored on the media server to be played at the one or more satellite units.
3. (Canceled) ~~The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more media files stored in the media file store are played at the media server.~~

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the media server further comprises a first media file transfer module configured to transfer one or more media files stored on a first medium to a second medium.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the media server further comprises a media file converter configured to convert the one or more transferred media files from an original format to a format other than the original format.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein at least one of the first medium or and the second medium is an optical disk.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more satellite units further comprise a second media file transfer module configured to transfer the one or more media files stored on a first medium to a second medium, and a media file converter configured to convert the one or more transferred media files from an original format to a format other than the original format.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the one or more converted media files are transferred to the media file store on the media server using the first and second wireless communication devices.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the media server further comprises a router configured to route data associated with the one or more media files to an external data source and receive further data associated with the one or more media files from the external data source.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the media files are downloaded from the Internet.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the media file ~~store database~~ is on a hard disk drive.

12. (~~Canceled~~) The system of claim 1, wherein the media files are stored in a database format.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the media files ~~are~~ comprise music files.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the media files ~~are~~comprise video files.

15. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the media files are compression coded.

16. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the wireless mobile computing device is a personal digital assistant.

17. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the wireless mobile computing device is a notebook computer.

18. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein data and media files sent between the media server, the one or more satellite units, and the wireless mobile computing device are encrypted.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing media files, comprising:
storing media files in a media file store on a media server;
setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server and one or more satellite units; ~~and~~
initiating the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the one or more satellite units;
uploading another media file from the one or more satellite units to the media server; and
storing the uploaded media file at the media file server.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising:
setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server, the one or more satellite units, and a wireless mobile computing device; and
initiating the playing of the media file using management software executed on the wireless mobile computing device.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising playing the one or more media files at the media server.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising transferring one or more media files from a first medium onto a second medium using a first media file transfer module on the media server.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising converting one or more transferred media files from an original format to a format other than the original format.

24. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

transferring media files from a first medium onto a second medium using a first media file transfer module on the one or more satellite units; and

converting one or more transferred media files from an original format to a format other than the original format.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising transferring the converted one or more media files to the media file store using the one or more wireless communication channels.

26. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

routing data associated with the media file to an external data source; and

receiving further data associated with the media file from the external data source.

27. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising downloading the one or more media files from the Internet before storing the one or more media files in the media file store.

28. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the media file store is a hard disk drive.

29. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the media files are stored in a database format.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein at least one of the first medium and the second medium is an optical disk.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the media files are comprise music files.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the media files are comprise video files.

33. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the media files are compression coded.

34. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the wireless mobile computing device is a personal digital assistant.

35. The method of claim 20, wherein the wireless mobile computing device is a notebook computer.

36. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein data and media files sent between the media server, the one or more satellite units and the wireless mobile computing device are encrypted.

37. (Currently Amended) A media server for use in a media file distribution system comprising one or more satellite units, the media server comprising:

a media file store configured to store one or more media files; and
a first wireless communication device,

wherein the one or more satellite units, each comprise a second wireless communication device, wherein each of the satellite units is configured to upload a media file to the media server, and wherein each of the satellite units is configured to initiate the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the satellite unit, and a first output device for playing the one or more media files stored on the media file store.

38. (Currently Amended) A media server for use in a method of distributing media files, the method comprising:

storing media files in a media file store on the media server;

setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server and one or more satellite units; ~~and~~

initiating the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the one or more satellite units;

uploading another media file from the one or more satellite units to the media server; and

storing the uploaded media file at the media file server.

39. (Currently Amended) A satellite unit for use in a media file distribution system comprising a media server and one or more satellite units;

wherein the media server comprises a media file store configured to store one or more media files, and a first wireless communication device; and

wherein the one or more satellite units each comprise a second wireless communication device, wherein each of the satellite units is configured to upload a media file to the media server, and wherein each of the satellite units is configured to initiate the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the satellite unit.

40. (Currently Amended) A satellite unit for use in a method of distributing media files, the method comprising:

storing media files in a media file store on ~~the a~~ media server;

setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server and one or more satellite units; and

initiating the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the one or more satellite units

uploading another media file from the one or more satellite units to the media server; and

storing the uploaded media file at the media file server.

41. (Original) A wireless mobile computing device for use in a media file distribution system comprising a media server and one or more satellite units wherein the media server comprises a media file store configured to store one or more media files, and a first wireless communication device, and wherein the one or more satellite units comprise a second wireless communication device and a first output device for playing the one or more media files stored on the media server, the wireless mobile computing device comprising:

a processor;

a display; and

a memory, wherein the wireless mobile computing device is configured to run management software that interfaces with the components of the media server, the one or more satellite units, and the wireless mobile computing device, wherein the management

software initiates the one or more media files stored on the media server to be played at the one or more satellite units.

42. (Original) A wireless mobile computing device for use in a method of distributing media files, the method comprising:

storing media files in a media file store on a media server;

setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server and one or more satellite units;

initiating the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the one or more satellite units;

setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server, the one or more satellite units, and the wireless mobile computing device; and

initiating the playing of the media file using management software executed on the wireless mobile computing device.

43. (Original) A portable storage medium configured to store management software in a media file distribution system, wherein the media file distribution system comprises:

a media server, comprising a media file store configured to store one or more media files, and a first wireless communication device;

one or more satellite units comprising a second wireless communication device

a wireless mobile computing device, comprising:

a processor;

a display; and

a memory, wherein the wireless mobile computing device is configured to run the management software, wherein the management software interfaces with the components of the media server, the one or more satellite units, and the wireless mobile computing device, and wherein the management software initiates the one or more media files stored on the media server to be played at the one or more satellite units.

44. (Original) A portable storage medium configured to store management software for use in a method of distributing media files, the method comprising:

storing media files in a media file store on a media server;

setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server and one or more satellite units;

initiating the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the one or more satellite units;

setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server, the one or more satellite units, and a wireless mobile computing device; and

initiating the playing of the media file using the management software executed on the wireless mobile computing device.

45. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing media files, comprising:

means for storing media files on a media server;

means for setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server and one or more satellite units; and

means for initiating the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the one or more satellite units

means for uploading another media file from the one or more satellite units to the media server; and

means for storing the uploaded media file at the media file server.

46. (New) A media file distribution system comprising:

a media server comprising a media file database configured to store one or more media files, and a first wireless communication device; and

one or more satellite units, each configured to initiate the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the satellite unit, each satellite unit comprising:

a second wireless communication device; and

a replica database, wherein the replica database is a replica of the media file database of the media server;

47. (New) The media file distribution system of Claim 46, wherein a change in the replica database causes an update to be made to the media file database of the media server.

48. (New) The media file distribution system of Claim 46, wherein the media server further comprises a first media file transfer module configured to convert the one or more media files from one format to another and to transfer one or more converted media files from one medium to another medium.

49. (New) The media file distribution system of Claim 46, wherein each of the satellite units further comprises a first media file transfer module configured to convert the one or more media files from one format to another and to transfer one or more converted media files from one medium to another medium.

50. (New) A method of distributing media files, comprising:
storing media files in a media file store on a media server;
setting up one or more wireless communication channels between the media server and one or more satellite units;
initiating the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the one or more satellite units; and
downloading from the media server to the one or more satellite units a replica database, wherein the replica database is a replica of the media file database of the media server.

51. (New) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:
altering the replica database; and
updating the media file database of the media server according to the altering of the replica database.

52. (New) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:
in the media server, converting the one or more media files from one format to another; and
in the media server, transferring one or more converted media files from one medium to another medium.

53. (New) The method of Claim 50, further comprising:
in the one or more satellite units, converting the one or more media files from one format to another; and

in the one or more satellite units, transferring one or more converted media files from one medium to another medium.

54. (New) The wireless mobile computing device of Claim 41, wherein each of the satellite units is configured to upload a media file to the media server, and wherein each of the satellite units is configured to initiate the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the satellite unit.

55. (New) The wireless mobile computing device of Claim 42, wherein the method further comprises:

uploading another media file from the one or more satellite units to the media server; and

storing the uploaded media file at the media file server.

56. (New) The portable storage medium of Claim 43, wherein each of the satellite units is configured to upload a media file to the media server, and wherein each of the satellite units is configured to initiate the playing of a media file stored on the media server such that the media file is played at the satellite unit.

57. (New) The portable storage medium of Claim 44, wherein the method further comprises:

uploading another media file from the one or more satellite units to the media server; and

storing the uploaded media file at the media file server.